(b) how much fund has been released to the State Government during the last three years; and

(c) how much fund has been actually utilized by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 35.02 crore has been released to the State Government of West Bengal during the last 3 years by Ministry of Water Resources out of which Rs. 16.44 crore only has been utilized by the State Government for taking up anti-erosion works in Ganga-Padma rivers.

Besides the above, the Farakka Barrage Project has also been entrusted with execution of anti-erosion works on Ganga-Padma rivers on the request of State Government. Rupee 71.00 crore has been released to Farraka Barrage Project during last 3 years (2003-04, 2004-05 & 2005-06); out of which Rs. 53.60 crore has been utilized.

Joint New Water project in Darjeeling

†2720. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether work of Joint New Water project is going on in Darjeeling;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the amount provided for implementing the said project; and

(d) by when the said project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (d) As per information provided by the Government of West Bengal, no Joint New Water project has been taken up in Darjeeling. However, one Darjeeling Water Supply Pumping Scheme is being implemented by Public Health Engineering Directorate. The funding pattern for implementing the project is given below:

Central Assistance	Rs. 10.00 crore
Municipal Affairs Deptt./Darjeeling Municipality	Rs. 10.00 Crore
State Plan (Urban)	Rs. 22.39 Crore
ARWSP	Rs. 6.67 Crore

The completion time for the scheme is 3 years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.